

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
HEALTH POLICY**

Thursday, December 6, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 352 Capitol Building

The House Standing Committee on Health Policy was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Angerer, Simpson, Corriveau, Coulouris, Donigan, Hammon, Robert Jones, Valentine, Gaffney, Hune, Marleau, Green, Ball, Robertson.

Members absent/excused: Reps. Byrum, Clack, Wojno, Calley.

The committee had a joint meeting with the House Senior Health, Security, and Retirement Committee.

Representative Simpson moved to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2007 meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Mike Dankert and Nick Lyon of the Michigan Department of Community Health testified on long-term care in Michigan. Mr. Dankert and Mr. Lyon also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Jules Olsman of OlsmanMueller, representing Citizens For Better Care, testified on elder abuse in Michigan. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals wished to testify, but were unable due to time constraints:

Sarah Slocum of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman Office. Ms. Slocum also submitted written testimony.

Alison Hirschel of the Michigan Campaign For Quality Care. Ms. Hirschel also submitted written testimony.

The following individuals submitted written testimony, but did not wish to speak:

Rickman Jackson of SEIU Healthcare Michigan.
Clifton Porter of HCR ManorCare.

Representative Valentine moved to excuse the absence of Representatives Byrum, Clack, Wojno, and Calley. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Representative Kathy Angerer, Chair _____

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk
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